

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 2007**  
**TIME: 9:30 a.m.**  
**1101 Pendleton Street—Capitol Complex**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**  
  
***John Tindal, Chair***  
***Al Simpson, Chair-Elect***  
***Jim Rex, PhD***  
***State Superintendent of Education***  
***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

**I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair John Tindal called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Nate Lyles, member of the Student Ad-Hoc Committee and President of the Student Body at Manning High School.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: John Tindal, Chair, Third Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Chair-Elect, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Lisa Stokes, Second Judicial Circuit; Mr. Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Daniel Varat, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Joe Isaac, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies was Ms. Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Shelly Kelly, Parliamentarian; Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Cleo Richardson, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services; Elizabeth Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2007**

Mrs. Libby Swad asked that the minutes be amended to remove Mrs. Amelia Herlong from attending the October State Board meeting. The minutes were amended to show Mrs. Herlong absent from the October Board meeting. Under 55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Items, 04. Adoption List of Formative Assessments, Mrs. Libby Swad's name was added as opposing the motion.

Mr. Al Simpson moved to approve the State Board of Education minutes, as amended for October 10, 2007. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to approve the State Board of Education agenda for November 14, 2007. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Tindal asked all visitors present to stand and be recognized. There were no news media present.

Chair Tindal turned the meeting over to State Superintendent of Education Rex.

**V. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

State Superintendent of Education Rex recognized South Carolina's public school volunteers that work in the front office, the classroom, and off-campus before school, after school, and on weekends. He stated that the volunteers assist with a wide range of activities, easing the work load of staff, improving the lives of students and families, and reaping a host of personal benefits. He then recognized the individual school district winners, business winners, and civic winners.

Dr. Rex showed three thirty-second TV ads that have been produced to recruit teachers. The ads placed special emphasis on recruiting males and minorities to the education profession.

State Superintendent of Education turned the meeting over to Chair Tindal.

## **VI. CHAIR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Chair Tindal recognized students of the 2007 Student Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. Mr. Tindal stated that the purpose of the Ad Hoc Student Advisory Committee (Committee) was to provide the State Board of Education (Board) feedback on important education issues, legislation, and policies from the student point of view. He explained that the Board often seeks the guidance of experts and educators but rarely seeks input from students. The Committee served in an advisory role to the Board, when requested. Additionally, the Committee provided students an opportunity to take part in the decision-making process that affects public schools.

Chair Tindal then recognized the students attending the Board meeting and presented them with a beautiful "pencil well" for serving on the Committee.

<u>Student</u>	<u>Judicial Circuit</u>	<u>Nominated by Board Member</u>
•Endra Curry	First	Mrs.Patsy Pye
•Christine Walter	Second	Mrs. Lisa Stokes
		Ms. Virginia Wilson
•Charles (Nate) Lyles	Third	Mr. John Tindal
•Phillip Henson	Fourth	Mr. Hampton Hubbard
•Anthony McGlawn	Fifth	Ms. Diane Sumpter
•Elizabeth Good	Sixth	Mr. Al Simpson
•Garrett Bedenbaugh	Eighth	Mr. Charles McKinney
•Laverne Pipe	Eleventh	Mrs. Amelia Herlong
		Mr. Jessie Curtis
•Carlin Willett	Thirteenth	Dr. Danny Varat
•Elizabeth Wilson	Fifteenth	Mr. Joe Isaac
•Erickson Lee	Sixteenth	Dr. Britt Blackwell
•Lindsey Connolly	Sixteenth	Dr. Kristi Woodall
•Grace Custer	Govenor's Appointee	Mrs. Kristin Maguire

The following students were unable to attend:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Judicial Circuit</u>	<u>Nominated by Board Member</u>
• William D. James	Seventh	Mrs. Libby Swad
		Mr. Michael (Mike) Forrester
• Brooke Mosteller	Ninth	Ms. Cindy Clark
		Mrs. Terry Seckinger
• Clayton Wainwright	Twelfth	Mr. Fred (Trip) DuBard
• Whitley Douglas	Fourteenth	Mr. Ben Mitchell

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one signed up for public comment.

## **VIII. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PH. Public Hearing**

Chair Tindal announced there would be a Public Hearing on the second reading of the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-71 (Supp. 2006), Free Textbooks, and the proposed repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-225 (Supp. 2006), School-to-Work Transition Act Regulation.

#### **01. Promulgate Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-71 (Supp. 2006), Free Textbooks (Second Reading)**

Jim White, Textbook Manager, Instructional Materials Section of the Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item. He stated that the purpose of these amendments were to modify how state-owned materials are stamped and distributed to pupils by utilizing the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) textbook manager system.

The 2007-08 Appropriations Act authorizes the use of revenue funds for the implementation of a statewide textbook management system to assist districts in the management and distribution of state-owned textbooks. Implementation of the system has made it necessary to amend certain sections in State Board of Education Regulation 43-71 to conform to the intent of the Appropriations Act. Specifically, the proposed amendment changes how textbooks are tracked as property of the state and circulated to pupils; the amendments would also allow for the collection of liquidated damages for companies that do not comply with the most favored purchases clause in the contract.

Mr. White stated that there had been grammatical changes made to the regulation since first reading but no substantive changes had been made. The SCDE had received no written comments from the public on the amendments.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommended that the State Board of Education approve the promulgation of amendments to R 43-71, Free Textbooks.

Chair Tindal stated that no one had signed up for public comment and then asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. There were no comments from the audience.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the promulgation of amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-71 (Supp. 2006), Free Textbooks, for second reading. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion.

Chair Tindal then called for comments or questions from members of the Board.

There being no discussion, the Chair called for the question to approve the promulgation of amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-71 (Supp. 2006), Free Textbooks, for second reading. The motion carried.

**02. Promulgate Repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-225 (Supp. 2006), School-to-Work Transition Act Regulation (Second Reading)**

Wofford O'Sullivan, Education Associate, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the regulation supported the 1994 School-to-Work Transition Act, which was repealed by General Assembly upon passage of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA). Components of the 1994 School-to-Work Act were included in the EEDA, including work-based learning activities, a focus on contextual methodology training, career guidance and counseling services, etc.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that there had been no written comments received concerning the repeal of R 43-225. The South Carolina Department of Education recommended that the State Board of Education approve the repeal of R 43-225 (Supp. 2006), School-to-Work Transition Act Regulations.

Chair Tindal stated that no one had signed up for public comment and then asked if anyone in the audience wished to comment. There were no comments from the audience.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mr. Rick Adkins moved to approve the promulgation of the repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-225 (Supp. 2006), School-to-Work Transition Act Regulations, for second reading. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion.

The Chair then called for questions.

There being no discussion, the Chair called for the question to approve the promulgation of the repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. R 43-225 (Supp. 2006), School-to-Work Transition Act Regulations, for second reading. The motion carried.

<b>IX. STATE BOARD ITEMS</b>
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**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Items  
Kristin Maguire, Facilitator**

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. TRTC Items Overview**

Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, gave a brief overview of the items being presented. He stated that there were two items being presented for approval and one item for information.

**02. Adopt Passing Score for Praxis Examination in Theatre (First Reading)**

Jim Turner, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item. Mr. Turner stated that during August 2006, a task force of educators in the area of Theatre/Drama reviewed information relative to the Praxis examination in Theatre (0604) and recommended that a standard-setting study be conducted to determine its appropriateness for use in South Carolina.

A standard-setting study on the Theatre examination was conducted on July 17, 2007, under the direction of ETS officials, utilizing a panel of South Carolina educators in the field of Theatre/Drama. A report providing the results of this study was received from ETS. The study supports the use of the Praxis examination in Theatre and its validity for certification purposes in South Carolina. The exam will apply to those individuals who apply for certification in Theatre after July 1, 2008. It will not be required for individuals who already hold certification in Theatre.

The South Carolina Department of Education, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, supports the adoption of the Praxis examination and proposed passing score of 590 for Theatre (0604), as recommended in the ETS standard-setting study. The effective date of the score as a requirement for certification would be July 1, 2008.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mr. Al Simpson moved to adopt passing score for Praxis examination in Theatre. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion.

The Chair then called for questions.

There being no discussion, the Chair called for the question to adopt passing score for Praxis examination in Theatre for second reading. The motion carried.

**03. Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (Supp. 2006), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (First Reading)**

Jim Turner, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item. Before the presentation, Mr. Turner introduced Mrs. Mary Ann Carter, Education Associate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Office of Exceptional Children, to help respond to questions about the sign language requirements from the Board members.

Relative to American Sign Language (ASL), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-17-130 was amended to provide that beginning with the 2008-09 school year, American Sign Language awarded as foreign language credit may be used to satisfy the foreign language credit in South Carolina high schools. The General Assembly amended this statute during the spring of 2006. Based on this legislation, the SCDE is responsible for establishing the qualifications for individuals desiring to teach courses in ASL as well as the academic standards for such courses.

Turner explained that in October 2000, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved revised certificate grade spans that included a required certificate for middle-level (grades 5-8). The SBE also adopted guidelines at that time relative to the implementation of the middle-level certificate. These guidelines included a grandfathering process that would extend until July 1, 2008, allowing many teachers who had been teaching in the middle grades to qualify for the appropriate add-on certification

without additional coursework or, in some cases, without additional Praxis exams.

Since October 2000, several thousand teachers have qualified for initial or add-on certification at the middle-level, and eleven South Carolina colleges have put in place middle-level teacher education programs. However, concerns have been expressed by school districts that the July 2008 date to begin requiring certification for the middle grades does not allow sufficient time for teachers to become certified. Considering No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements related to highly qualified teachers and the projected inadequate supply of middle-level certified teachers, a task force was assembled during the spring of 2007 to study these issues. The task force included superintendents, principals, personnel directors, higher education representatives, and South Carolina Department of Education staff. Based on these discussions, the task force recommended the following:

1. Extend the grandfathering provision for certification in middle-level for an additional year, until July 1, 2009.
2. Reconsider the decision to convert to an approved program approach for add-on certification that is to begin in July 2009 (R 43-62I.A). This change would impact add-on certification in general and not just add-on requirements for middle-level.
3. Allow teacher education institutions in South Carolina to offer middle-level preparation programs in one content area, rather than two as now required.
4. Revise current add-on certification requirements for middle-level areas to reduce the amount of content coursework required, especially for teachers currently certified in secondary content fields. No additional content coursework would be required for secondary teachers certified in the same content field as the middle-level field they are attempting to add; however, fifteen semester hours would be required for those individuals certified in elementary education or early childhood who are adding a middle-level area.
5. Phase in the middle-level certification requirement, beginning with the 2009–10 school year, and allow for an incremental phase-in over five years so that additional time may be provided for teachers to obtain the necessary middle-level certification.



During the 2007 legislative session, the South Carolina General Assembly passed a joint resolution extending the middle-level grandfathering provisions until July 2009; therefore, No. 1 above has been accomplished, and the extended dates have been reflected in the attached amendments to R 43-62. Items No. 2 and No. 4 require action by the State Board to revise R 43-62 and are also reflected in the proposed amendments to R 43-62. Recommendation No. 3 above is under review and consideration by staff in the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; therefore, no recommendation is being presented at this time. Regarding No. 5 above, the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership will work collaboratively with the Office of Accreditation to implement a phase-in process for middle-level certification, if approved by the SBE.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the amendments to R 43-62, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification, and the plan to phase in middle-level certification for first reading.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to approve the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (Supp. 2006), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification, for first reading. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion.

The Chair then called for questions. Mrs. Kristin Maguire asked that information on the impact of passing this regulation be provided to Board members before second reading.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the question to approve the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (Supp. 2006), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification, for first reading. The motion carried.

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **04. Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Requirement Prior to Initial Certification—**

Jim Turner, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item as information. He explained that the Praxis exam, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), is a pedagogy examination designed to assess a beginning teacher's knowledge of a variety of job-related criteria. Such knowledge is typically attained in undergraduate

preparation in areas such as educational psychology, human growth and development, classroom management, instructional design and delivery techniques, evaluation and assessment, and other professional preparation.

Prior to July 1, 2006, the PLT was required only for the Professional teaching certificate issued in South Carolina. After issuance of the Initial certificate, an educator had three years to complete induction, ADEPT (formal evaluation), and the PLT to qualify for the five-year Professional certificate. Effective July 1, 2006, R 43-53 required a passing score on the PLT for an applicant to qualify for the Initial certificate. The question has been raised as to whether a teacher certification applicant who has only recently graduated from a teacher preparation program would have sufficient knowledge and experience to pass the PLT.

Currently, the PLT is waived based on interstate reciprocity for individuals who hold an out-of-state certificate and have taught on that certificate for three years. The PLT must be passed as an exit requirement for our Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) and will also be required for individuals who receive an alternate route certificate via the American Board for the Certification of Teaching Excellence (ABCTE) prior to qualifying for a Professional certificate in South Carolina. In the case of PACE and ABCTE, applicants have at least three years to pass the PLT. The change referred to above, to require the PLT after issuance of the Initial certificate but before the Professional certificate, would create a consistent, fair, and appropriate system for assessing the pedagogical skills of all new teachers in South Carolina, regardless of the source of their certification.

The South Carolina Department of Education will form a committee, including SBE representation, to study this issue and will report the results to the SBE for consideration.

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Items**  
**Patsy Pye, Facilitator**

**C&I Items Overview**

Theresa Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability, stated there were no items submitted for approval.

**54. Finance and Legislative Items**  
**Joe Isaac, Facilitator**

**01. Finance and Legislative Items Overview**

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, stated that he would be presenting item 02.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**02. State Board of Education Financial Statements**

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, updated the Board members on their budget.

**52. Educational Policy Items**  
**John Tindal, Facilitator**

**01. Educational Policy Items Overview**

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, gave an overview of the items being presented.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**02. Revisions to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance (First Reading)**

Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented this item. She explained that the purpose of this item was to revise and update the State Board Rules of Governance. Approval of these rules will, in part, reestablish the committee structure.

The State Board of Education abolished the committee structure in 2006. Chair Tindal established the SBE Governance Committee of the State Board to review the Board structure and recommended changes to the Rules of Governance to review the issue of Board structure and to review the Rules in general. The following Board members served on that committee: Mr. Al Simpson, Mr. Trip DuBard, Mr. Joe Isaac, Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Dr. Danny Varat, and Mr. John Tindal. Mr. Simpson served as chair of the committee. The changes included amendments to existing policies and the establishment of new policies.

Ms. Kelly recommended that Item #4 be added to BBCD, "To review and consider other related items as determined by the Chair of the Board."

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the amendments to the existing policies.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve all of the revisions to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance and add item #4 to BBCD: 4. To review and consider other related items as determined by the Chair of the Board.

Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion.

The Chair then called for questions.

There being no discussion, the Chair called for the question to approve all of the revisions to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance for first reading with the amendments as stated. The motion carried.

**03. What is the Penny Buying for South Carolina? Twenty-Third Annual Reporting on the South Carolina Education Improvement Act of 1984, 2007 Edition**

Cynthia Hearn, Education Associate, Office of Data Management and Analysis, Division of Accountability, presented the item with the help of Dr. Terry Cash of the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University and Ms. Aveene Coleman of the SCDE.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve *What is the Penny Buying for South Carolina? Twenty-Third Annual Reporting on the South Carolina Education Improvement Act of 1984, 2007 Edition*. Dr. Britt Blackwell seconded the motion.

The Chair then called for questions.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the question to move to approve *What is the Penny Buying for South Carolina? Twenty-Third Annual Reporting on the South Carolina Education Improvement Act of 1984, 2007 Edition*. The motion carried.

**04. Proposed State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2008**

Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Administration, presented the item and answered questions from the Board members. She explained the three proposals being presented to the Board: Proposal One for monthly meetings with the day before held for committee meetings, Proposal Two for every other month meetings, and Proposal Three for full board meetings one month and committee meetings the next month.

After discussion of the proposals by the Board members, it was recommended that a fourth proposal be considered. Proposal Four would be monthly meetings as follows:

**Proposal Four**

January 9, 2008  
February 13, 2008  
March 12, 2008  
April 9, 2008  
May 14, 2008  
June 11, 2008  
July 9, 2008  
August 13, 2008  
September 10, 2008  
October 8, 2008  
November 12, 2008  
December 10, 2008  
January 7, 2009

Committee meetings would be held at the discretion of the committee chair.

The Chair called for the motion.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve Proposal Four and to hold committee meetings at the discretion of the committee chair. Dr. Britt Blackwell seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for the question to approve the proposed State Board of Education meeting schedule for 2008. The motion carried.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**05. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2008 Chair-Elect for the State Board of Education**

John Tindal, Chair, State Board of Education, announced the appointment of the Nominating Committee for the 2008 Chair-Elect for the State Board of Education. Chair Tindal appointed Mr. Joe Isaac, Chair; Mr. Rick Adkins; and Mrs. Diane Sumpter.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Tindal stated that Mr. Al Simpson would bring a proposal to the December Board regarding the Student Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Dr. Blackwell introduced Senator Scott Beason from Alabama who was here to speak at the Old and New Testament Bible Committee meeting.

**LUNCH**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair-Elect Al Simpson called the meeting to order.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: John Tindal, Chair, Third Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Chair-Elect, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Lisa Stokes, Second Judicial Circuit; Mr. Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Dr. Daniel Varat, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Joe Isaac, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies were Ms. Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit, and Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit, and Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, were unable to be present for the entire meeting.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education were Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Shelly Kelly, Parliamentarian; Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and Jack Singletary, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

1. Mr. Joe Isaac moved that the State Board approve a certificate for Amy Nicole Drawdy. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried, with two opposing votes by Dr. Danny Varat and Dr. Britt Blackwell.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board approve a certificate for Janita Fay Hatfield. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried, with two opposing votes by Dr. Danny Varat and Ms. Cindy Clark.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board take no action on the certificate for Susan Whitney Williams. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Dr. Danny Varat.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

4. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board approve a certificate for Mark Shannon Railey. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Dr. Danny Varat.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board deny a certificate for Byron A. T. Wilson. Mr. Hampton Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend the certificate of Dwight D. Lawing, certificate 169120, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board summarily suspend the certificate of Jerry P. Seale, certificate 098536, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board summarily suspend the certificate of Donald R. Weyls, certificate 230099, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board summarily suspend the certificate of Mike A. Richardson, certificate 224531, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ms. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board summarily suspend the certificate of Heyward L. Hickman, certificate 162655, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion.

**Chair-Elect Simpson declared the State Board of Education in Executive Session.**

**Open Session**

11. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Philip S. Harris, certificate 204086, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Paige Elmore, certificate 227466, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ms. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.



13. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Carrie L. Staley, certificate 102434, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
14. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board issue a public reprimand to Carlton McAdams, certificates 134148 and 904498, and approve the Consent Order of Public Reprimand on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
15. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board accept the permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of the certificate of Curtis R. Ballard, certificate 124207, and approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Tindal reminded the Board of the Education Oversight Committee meeting on December 10, 2007.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board suspend Rules of Governance BBAA, *Method of Election of Officer*. Mrs. Maguire stated that the Governor would be reappointing her as the Governor's Appointee effective January 1, 2009. This would allow her to meet the requirements for Chair-Elect of having "at least two years" remaining on her term. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Isaac reminded the Board members not to leave the "embargoed" information at their desk when the Board meeting adjourned.

Dr. Britt Blackwell invited all of the Board members to remain for the Old Testament and New Testament Committee meeting when the Board meeting adjourned.

<b>XII. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.